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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, EIND, CG

SUBJECT: CORN FLOUR SHORTAGE

REF: LUBUMBASHI A-26 AND A-40

1. PER REPAIRS PRICE SQUEEZE ON MILLERS HAS RESULTED IN SEVERE SHORTAGE OF CORN FLOUR, MOST IMPORTANT STAPLE OF LOCAL AFRICAN DIET. AS NEWSPAPERS CARRY DIRE WARNINGS TO SPECULATORS AND HOARDERS, SOLDIERS HAVE SOMETIMES BEEN POSTED OUTSIDE MILLS TO CONTROL CROWDS UNABLE TO PURCHASE CORN FLOUR.

2. AS EMERGENCY MEASURE, SHABA MILLERS HAVE MANAGED TO PURCHASE FROM ZAMBIA 11,000 M.T. OF CORN WHICH MIGHT BE ADEQUATE UNTIL YEAR END. MILLERS CONTEND THAT UNLESS SOME FORM OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE IS FORTHCOMING NO ADDITIONAL GRAIN PURCHASES FROM ABOARD CAN BE MADE.

3. COMMENT: INTERIM PURCHASE IS PALLIATIVE, NOT SOLUTION. IN RECENT 12 NOVEMBER SPEECH IN LUBUMBASHI PRES. MOBUTU MADE PASSING REFERENCE TO CORN
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SHORTAGE AND MAY HAVE HINTED THAT DECEMBER 5

SPEECH WILL DEAL WITH THIS AMONG OTHER ECONOMIC
ISSUES.

4. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS.
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